

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on October 17, 2007.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 24, and 27 are amended, claims 1, 10, 21, 23, 26, and 28 are canceled, and claims 30-36 are added; as a result, claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 24, 27, and 29-36 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 9, 26, and 28 were objected to because of informalities, and the examiner suggested amendments. Claim 9 has been amended as suggested. Claim 26 has been canceled, and the subject matter of claim 26 including the suggested amendment has been incorporated in claim 24. Claim 28 has been canceled, and the subject matter of claim 28 including the suggested amendment has been incorporated in claim 27.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 4, 26, and 28 were objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 26, and claim 26 has been canceled. Independent claim 27 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 28, and claim 28 has been canceled.

Accordingly, applicant believes claims 3, 4, 24, and 27 are in condition for allowance.

35 USC §103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 6, 8-10, 20, 23, 27, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sibert (U.S.-7124170-B1) in view of Mahon et al. (U.S.-4809160-A).

Claims 1, 10, and 23 have been canceled. Claims 6, 8, and 9 have been amended to be dependent on claim 4, which was found to be allowable. Claim 27 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 28, which was found to be allowable. Claim 29 depends on claim 27.

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sibert (U.S.-7124170-B1) in view of Mahon et al. (U.S.-4809160-A). and in further view of Mel et al. ("Tablet: Personal Computer of the Year 2000"). Claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 26, which was found to be allowable.

New Claims

Claims 30-36 have been added.

Claims 30 and 31 are new claims that depend on claim 24. Claims 30 and 31 incorporate limitations similar to the limitations found in claims 8 and 9.

Claims 32 and 33 are new claims that depend on claim 27. Claims 32 and 33 incorporate limitations similar to the limitations found in claims 8 and 9.

Claim 34 is a new independent claim that combines limitations found in claims 27 and 4. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 34 defines over the references of record for the same reasons that claim 4 defines over the references of record. Claims 35 and 36 are new claims that depend on claim 35. Claims 35 and 36 incorporate limitations similar to the limitations found in claims 8 and 9.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (952-473-8800) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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